



CITY OF YPSILANTI  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ONE SOUTH HURON ST.  
YPSILANTI, MI 48197  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018  
7:00 p.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER –**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL –**

Council Member Bashert	Present	Council Member Robb	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Present	Council Member Vogt	Present
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Edmonds	Present
Council Member Richardson	Present		

**III. INVOCATION –**

Mayor Edmonds asked all to stand for a moment of silence.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –**

"I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

**V. AGENDA APPROVAL –**

**Council Member Vogt moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to approve the agenda.**

Council Member Richardson stated a time limit should be set for discussions. She suggested holding work sessions prior to a regular meeting to conduct discussions. Mayor Edmonds replied the discussion of recycling bins was prompted by a request by the Sustainability Commission to consider a resolution. However, the process is for Council to discuss whether or not it would consider the resolution. Ms. Richardson does not take issue with the discussion, only how they unnecessarily prolong the meeting.

**Council Member Richardson moved to limit discussion items to fifteen minutes.**

**Council Member Murdock moved to hear the discussion regarding recycling bins to last under Section X, Resolutions/Motions/Discussions.**

**Council Member Murdock moved to hear Resolution No. 2018-220, approving a purchase agreement for 220 N. Park at the beginning of Section X, Resolutions/Motions/Discussions.**

**Council Member Murdock moved to hear Resolution No. 2018-224, approving the intergovernmental agreement with Ypsilanti Township for use of their recycling drop-off center, second under Section X, Resolutions/Motions/Discussions.**

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the agenda was approved as amended.

**VI. INTRODUCTIONS**

Mayor Edmonds introduced the following individuals; City Clerk Frances McMullan, City Attorney John Barr, Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene, Interim Economic Development Director Joe Meyers, Police Chief Tony DeGiusti, Administrative Services Manager Wendy Estey, and many board and commission members.

**VII. PRESENTATIONS –**

**VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –**

1. Dave Hiekkinen, 133 W. Michigan Ave, stated Council approved the repair and restriping of the South Huron parking lot, which was needed. The bid that was accepted was to repair, reseal, and restripe. However, that was not what was performed, there is more parking but two handicap parking spots were lost and the directional arrows are too small. Also, the signs do not match the parking. He does not know why the lot was not repaired to what the bid requested. He asked where the responsibility falls for the failed repairs, and Council should hold the City Manager responsible. He stated this City Manager is the worst the city has had since he has owned a business in Ypsilanti. The City Manager is never around and does not meet with the public, and does not know why he would be giving a raise.
2. Prestyn Ciardhubh, 409 Olive St., expressed gratitude for Council Member Richardson for her work on the Community Benefits Ordinance, and hopes Council will vote to approve the ordinance at tomorrow's meeting. She spoke in support of the passage of Ordinance 1320, and explained when a person starts a new job they are giving a guidebook and it is an inspired idea to provide that to new renters. She believes a more informed public is never a bad thing. She stated the appointment of a non-resident to the YDDA is unwise to stack the YDDA with non-residents.
3. Gillian Gainsley, 409 N. Adams, stated she finished her five year term as the Ypsilanti member of the AAATA Board. She appreciated the opportunity to serve the community in that position. The AAATA will undertake a new strategic planning process to organize what the next five to ten years will look like. She encouraged both Council and community members to be a part of that process. The AAATA will discuss the Ypsilanti Transit Center at a meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. She strongly supports the Mayor's appointment of Jesse Miller to take her spot on the AAATA Board.
4. Amber Fellows, Ward 3 resident, stated during the last Human Relations Commission meeting the commission approved the support of the passage of Ordinance 1320, regarding tenant information, as written. She stated it would be interesting to see if the proposed developers of 220 N. Park would be willing to meet with residents.
5. Brian Geiringer, Ward 1, stated his support for the passage of the Community Benefits Ordinance at tomorrow's meeting. Not only elected officials should be a part of the development of this city. He added city staff has proved to not be effective negotiators for development. He said the work of REDY should be celebrated. He spoke against the approval of the purchase agreement of 220 N. Park. He voiced his support of the passage of Ordinance 1320.
6. Sam Jones-Darling, 210 Brown Hall, stated the HRC unanimously approved support for the passage of Ordinance 1320. This ordinance is necessary and well overdue. He appreciates Council willingness to even bring it to the table. Ypsilanti is mostly a city of renters and it is invaluable to provide renters information of their rights. If this ordinance is passed Council would

need to pass resolutions directing the Clerk on what to provide in the information packet. He suggested voter registration information, a guide on how to use the Human Relations Commission, and tenants' rights. He believes charging violators with a misdemeanor is essential to the effectiveness of the ordinance because it would hold landlords accountable because a violation could equate to ninety days in jail.

7. Sheri Johnson, 310 N. Grove, read a letter from Hank Prebys that expressed concerns for the proposed purchase agreement. The proposed density of the development will create congestion and at the entry points of Grove and Park St. The development also lacks sensitivity to the current structures 19<sup>th</sup> Century aesthetics. She asked that Council please give consideration to the residents of that neighborhood prior to approving the development agreement.
8. Amy Probst, 302 N Park, stated she lives directly across the street from the 220 N Park site, and those in the neighborhood already use that site as a park. She understands that it is unlikely to maintain the site as a park, but she has concerns about the traffic this development will cause and the proposed density.
9. Desiree Simmons, 407 Charles St., supports the approval of proposed Ordinance 1320. She does not agree with a Council Members opinion that homeowners need the same information as renters. She wonders if renters could request this information electronically, and encouraged voter information be provided. She would like the developers of 220 N. Park to participate in the process set by a Community Benefits Ordinance. She is not necessarily against the development but community input is important. She encouraged the Police Advisory Commission to share information and supports the budget request of that commission. She supports providing recycling services to renters and to address the use of Styrofoam in the business community.
10. Mark Swanson, Downtown business owner, stated he received notice of the South Huron Lot would undergo repair, resealing, and restriping. He stated the parking lot was not sealed and asked how a contract could have been signed without the lot being sealed. He said the project was not overseen correctly, if the pavement is not resealed it will cause serious problems in the future.
11. Mary Ellen Hagenauer, 309 N Grove, stated her objections to the 220 N Park development. She read a letter from a neighbor of the proposed development stating the resident's opposition to the density. The letter states a petition was signed by every single resident against the development.
12. Sue Melke, 330 Chidester, stated during the last meeting Council discussed leftover funds from the ADA ramp program. Those funds should not be used for anything other than ramps. She cannot believe any Council Member would have voted to use those funds for another project. She stated her support for the passage of Ordinance 1320, especially to provide voter information. During a Council Meeting in July the Department of Public Services Director informed Council wood was available to construct picnic tables for city parks. She asked why that did not happen and the summer is almost over. A patch was made on the path in Riverside Park which a scooter is not able to transverse. She had to go around the patch in the wet grass and thankfully friends were present to push her. She asked for the sidewalk abutting Water Street could be fixed. She asked when the live streaming will be provided for Council meetings.
13. George Hagenauer, 309 N Grove, stated his disapproval of the 220 N Park development and the city could create greater tax revenue through a lower number of units. He asked that any contract approved needs to include animal removal. He suggested Council examining federal and state formulas for affordable housing as land values continue to increase.

14. Lee Tooson, 107 Middle, stated he was told during the last Council meeting he offended all of Council. He stated he is not here to apologize for telling the truth and how he feels. The Fire Chief is about to retire and he hopes his replacement will come from within the department as it has been in the past. It is evident there is a need for more police in this city and for a dedicated downtown police officer. The senior crossing sign has not been installed on Michigan Ave and Hamilton. He congratulated Mayor Pro-Tem Brown on her recent win during the primary election.
15. Chris White, owner of 227 N. Grove, voiced his concern regarding the density of the proposed development of 220 N. Park. He is not opposed to the development of that property, but the design should match the historic feel of the neighborhood. He added his survey shows the 220 N. Park is smaller than indicated and part of the claimed property actually is owned by him.
16. Kyle Hunter stated this meeting is a symbolic acknowledgment of power and there are better ways to communicate. The result is a criminal sitting in the Mayor's seat.
17. Jesse Miller, 93 Oakwood, stated he is looking forward to being nominated to the AAATA Board of Directors. He is a daily user of the bus system and is open to answering any questions Council might have.

**IX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –**

- She is responsible for the request to develop an ordinance that landlords provide renters with certain information at the time a lease is signed. She looks forward to the reconsideration of that ordinance.

**X. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING –**

***Ordinance No. 1322***

1. An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ypsilanti to adjust water service rates.
  - A. Resolution No. 2018-210, determination

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to increase water rates within the City of Ypsilanti be approved on First Reading.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt  
 SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Ypsilanti Representative to the YUCA Board Michael Bodary introduce YCUA Executive Director Jeff Castro, Finance Director Dwayne Harrigan, Attorney Thomas Daniels, and Rate Expert Vick Cooperhauser. YCUA representation provided an overview to why these ordinances were submitted for approval.

Mayor Edmonds thanked the members of YCUA for their presentation and that one issue to making housing more affordable is the cost of utilities.

Council Member Robb asked what equation is used to determine unit price. Mr. Castro responded the cost per unit is \$8.24 for everyone no matter how many units of water used.

B. Public Hearing

- 1. Chris White, owner of 227 N. Grove, asked if the new structure is revenue neutral wouldn't someone's bill need to increase so others will decrease.

Mr. Castro responded for the authority it is revenue neutral for the city it is a decrease. The funds that cover the cost are captured outside of the city. Mr. White asked when the surcharge will be eliminated. Mr. Castro responded once the bonds are paid in 2019.

C. Resolution No. 2018-211, close public hearing

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That a public hearing on an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to increase water rates within the City of Ypsilanti be officially closed.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt  
SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the public hearing was closed.

Council Member Murdock stated he has been working for some time to link the rate structure to use. He thinks it is a great restructure of the rates and is glad it has finally been completed.

Council Member Robb asked how was this number developed and asked how it would be reflected if there is a rate increase. Mr. Castro responded if the Great Lakes Water Authority increases rates to an amount that cannot be absorbed by YCUA Council will be requested for a 2% rate increase per unit.

Council Member Vogt thanked Mr. Bodary and all others involved for this new rate structure, and for keeping Council informed.

Council Member Bashert commended the authority in helping the sustainability of this community for incentivizing decreased use in water.

Mayor Edmonds asked if there are any changes in commercial rates. Mr. Castro responded in the affirmative, and explained the commodity rates will increase for contract communities. Ms. Edmonds asked if rates will change for agricultural rates. Mr. Castro responded in the affirmative.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-210 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

**Ordinance No. 1323**

- 2. An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(a) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ypsilanti, to adjust sewage disposal rates.

A. Resolution No. 2018-212, determination

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(a) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ypsilanti, to adjust sewage disposal rates approved on First Reading.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt  
SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

B. Public Hearing

None

C. Resolution No. 2018-213, close public hearing.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT a public hearing on an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(a) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ypsilanti, to adjust sewage disposal rates be officially closed.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt  
SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the public hearing was closed.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-212 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

**VOTE:**

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

**Ordinance No. 1324**

- 3. An ordinance to repeal Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-499 of the City of Ypsilanti Code of Ordinances which provides for a restricted debt retirement and capital improvement fund surcharge on water service and sewage disposal bills, because said surcharge is now a part of and fully included in the readiness-to-serve and commodity rates established b the sewer rate ordinance at Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(a) and established by the water rate ordinance at Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b), each rate ordinance being effective October 11, 2018.

A. Resolution No. 2018-214, determination

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT An Ordinance to repeal Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-499 of the City of Ypsilanti Code of Ordinances which provides for a restricted debt retirement and capital improvement fund surcharge on water service and sewage disposal bills, because said surcharge is now a part of and fully included in the readiness-to-serve and commodity rates established by the sewer rate ordinance at Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(a) and established by the water rate ordinance at Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b), each rate ordinance being effective October 11, 2018 be approved on First Reading.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt  
SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

B. Public Hearing

None

C. Resolution No. 2018-215, close public hearing

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT a public hearing on an Ordinance to repeal Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-499 of the City of Ypsilanti Code of Ordinances which provides for a restricted debt retirement and capital improvement fund surcharge on water service and sewage disposal bills, because said surcharge is now a part of and fully included in the readiness-to-serve and commodity rates established by the sewer rate ordinance at Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(a) and established by the water rate ordinance at Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b), each rate ordinance being effective October 11, 2018 be officially closed.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt  
SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the public hearing was closed.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-214 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

4. Motion to Reconsider Ordinance No. 1320, to amend Chapter 58, Article IV, Division 1 of the Ypsilanti City Code of Ordinances to require that landlords share certain information with their tenants upon occupancy.

**Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Bashert to reconsider Ordinance 1320, Resolution No. 2018-187**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend Chapter 58, Article IV, Division 1 of the Ypsilanti City Code of Ordinances to require that landlords share certain information with their tenants upon occupancy" be approved on First Reading.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock  
 SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

On a roll call, the vote to reconsider Resolution No. 2018-187 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Absent	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

**VOTE:**

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Richardson) VOTE: Carried

Mayor Edmonds asked the reason for the criminal consequence of the ordinance opposed to a civil. Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene responded the ordinance was based off of East Lansing’s ordinance. Ms. Edmonds appreciates the HRC’s strong recommendation for a misdemeanor to be charged for violation of this ordinance, it feels better suited for a civil consequence. Mr. DuChene replied he would need to follow up with the city’s prosecuting attorney to see if he would be comfortable prosecuting this as a misdemeanor. Mayor Edmonds stated she would support amending the ordinance to a civil infraction. Council Member Bashert stated she did not hear a consensus of support from Council regarding a change to a civil infraction. She added she has no issue with violators of this ordinance being charged a misdemeanor. Mr. DuChene stated if Council agrees he would like to get the prosecutors opinion and provide that to Council.

Council Member Murdock asked if the handbook provided to renters would be on the next agenda. Mr. DuChene replied the handbook is created by the State Legislature. Mr. Murdock asked if the handbook could be amended to be more specific to Ypsilanti. Mr. DuChene replied there are additions that could be made to the handbook. Mayor Edmonds stated she will be bringing additions to the next Council meeting. Mr. Murdock stated he supports the passage of this ordinance, but was hoping to have it ready prior to yearly change in tenancy.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated she supports the ordinance.

Council Member Bashert stated she supports the ordinance.

Mayor Edmonds stated another concern she has regarding the misdemeanor charge is tenant and landlord relationships are not always positive, and she fears the potential of false claims being filed. She stated a civil infraction seems more appropriate for this ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated she supports the ordinance, and if the tenants sign that they have received this document when the lease is signed it would solve that issue.

Council Member Murdock asked how the city will notify landlords of this ordinance. Mr. DuChene replied he will touch base with staff to figure out the best way to provide that information.

Council Member Richardson stated she is not in favor of charging a misdemeanor for a violation of this ordinance, and would prefer a civil infraction.

**Council Member Richardson moved, Council Member Vogt seconded to change the charge of misdemeanor for violation to a civil infraction with a fee set by Council.**

Council Member Vogt asked if the ordinance can provide a civil infraction for the first, or second violation and misdemeanor for continued violations. Mr. DuChene replied he believes so, but will need to confer with the prosecutor. Mr. Vogt stated his concern is first time landlords not having this information. Mr. DuChene stated the ordinance could have a graduated fine structure for repeat offenders. Mr. Vogt asked if there is any reason if exemptions could be made for landlords with only one tenant. Mr. DuChene replied in the affirmative.

City Attorney John Barr provided a history of the creation of civil infractions. He explained a civil infraction is easier to apply because it would not need to be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

Council Member Murdock asked if this is a civil infraction would it be heard by the Administrative Hearings Bureau (AHB). Mr. DuChene stated the AHB is for blight violations. Council Member Robb stated the AHB Ordinance could be amended. Mr. Duchene stated an Administrative Hearings Bureau is governed by state statute.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the cost would be lower to prosecute a civil infraction. Mr. DuChene replied the prosecution account is a flat retainer.

Council Member Robb stated the AHB was created because judges were dismissing ordinance violation tickets. Mr. Barr replied the AHB was created for several reasons; the city is able to capture all fines assessed and to streamline the process to bring properties to compliance more quickly.

Council Member Richardson stated the city must work with its landlords. Charging them with a misdemeanor for violating this ordinance could put stress on that relationship, and make it more difficult to work with them in the future.

Council Member Vogt stated if this resolution is passed with a civil infraction as a penalty it allows time to see if it is effective, and if not the ordinance could be amended.

Council Member Bashert stated compliance with this ordinance will be incredibly easy, and will not result in droves of landlords being charged with a misdemeanor. This will only be another item to attach to a lease and will not create much attention.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2018-187 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

**Council Member Bashert moved to Call the Question.**

On a roll call, the vote to Call the Question was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 1 (Robb) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-187 as amended was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

Mayor Edmonds stated the YDDA has been awarded \$300,000 from the MEDC to fund a significant increase in façade grants, particularly for larger projects.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA –**

Resolution No. 2018-216

1. Resolution No. 2018-217, approving minutes of August 14, 2018.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT the minutes of August 14, 2018 be approved.**

2. Resolution No. 2018-218, approving appointments to boards and commissions.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT, the following individuals be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>BOARD</u></b>	<b><u>EXPIRATION</u></b>
<b>Jessica Donnelly 757 Mildred Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (replacing Chris Madigan)</b>	<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>May 1, 2021</b>
<b>Georgina Hickey (alternate) 1001 Pearl St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197</b>	<b>ZBA</b>	<b>May 1, 2021</b>
<b>Janette Rook (one-year term) 200 W. Michigan Ave. Ypsilanti, MI 48197</b>	<b>YDDA</b>	<b>May 1, 2021</b>

3. Resolution No. 2018-216A, approving Ordinance 1321 to amend Chapter 58, Article III, Division 1, Section 58-62 of the Ypsilanti City Code of Ordinances to provide further clarification of the definitions of the terms 'income' and 'disability' for the purposes of discrimination. **(Second Reading)**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend Chapter 58, Article III, Division 1, Section 58-62 of the Ypsilanti City Code of Ordinances to provide further clarification of the definitions of the terms 'income' and 'disability' for the purposes of discrimination." be approved on Second and Final Reading.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson  
SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the Consent Agenda was approved.

**X. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –**

1. Resolution No. 2018-220, approving purchase agreement for 220 N. Park St.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti issued a Request for Qualification (RFP) for developers to redevelop the 4+ acres of property located at 220 N. Park; and**

**WHEREAS, five proposals were submitted on June 1, 2017 and a review committee of City officials reviewed qualified proposals and has recommended the proposal submitted by Norfolk Group, LLC; and**

**WHEREAS, in order to proceed with site design and development plans a Purchase Agreement has been created with Norfolk Group, LLC; and**

**WHEREAS, Norfolk Group, LLC., has shown sufficient experience in development and provided thoughtful and consideration to the RFQ and offered a purchase price of \$1,000 per unit built or a minimum of \$25,000 and has shown the financial wherewithal to complete a residential development; and**

**WHEREAS, the property at 220 N. Park is currently City Owned, vacant, and tax-exempt, the sale of the property will cause for the property to return to an active privately owned taxable property.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council directs the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the property located at 220 N. Park with Norfolk Group, LLC.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt  
SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Interim Economic Development Director Joe Meyers provided a synopsis to why this is being submitted for approval.

Council Member Richardson stated the city has local experts on solar power that Norfolk could reach out to. Council Member Murdock responded the expert did reach out to the developer and his call was never returned.

Mayor Edmonds stated the concern from neighbors that has been referenced tonight is the density of the project. However, the greater density of a project does allow for greater availability to affordable housing.

Mr. Meyers stated he would believe this development would require circulation plans in order to address concerns about increased traffic.

Council Member Richardson stated when this project came before Council last it addressed the possibility of affordable units as a part of this development. During that conversation the developer stated they would not be providing affordable units, and asked if that is still the stance of the development. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Bashert asked if the Traffic Review Committee would analyze the potential increase in traffic resulting from this development. Mr. Meyers responded the traffic analysis would be provided by the Planning Commission. Ms. Bashert asked when that would occur during the process. Mr. Meyers responded it would be a part of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) review. Ms. Bashert stated the next step would be for the development to complete their site plan and submit it to the Planning Commission. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative. Ms. Bashert asked if this will be the last time this would be coming before Council. Mr. Meyers replied no, and explained Council would need to approve the PUD. Mayor Edmonds stated a public hearing would be held by the Planning Commission and another by Council. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Bashert appreciated the developer tried to address Council's concerns in the information they provided. She likes the energy consumption reduction options the developer is making available to its residents. She agrees waiting on solar power is intelligent because the home owner would miss out on the tax credits. She is excited the agreement includes language to hire locally, with extra consideration for individuals living in the city or county. She asked what will be the deciding factor for the density of the project. Mr. Meyers replied whether or not the developer would need to construct infrastructure in the site. Mayor Edmonds asked if the developer want to have twenty-five units, or if it is viable could there be fewer. Mr. Meyers replied in order for the development to work there would need to be a minimum of twenty-five units. Ms. Edmonds stated she would be open to lowering the number of units in the development, but maintaining the selling cost of \$25,000. Mr. DuChene stated the agreement before Council is the offer, if Council wishes to change the agreement it would need to make a counter. Ms. Edmonds asked if the developer would be conducive to decreasing density. Mr. Meyers responded he is unsure, but the developer is interested in beginning the process.

Council Member Murdock stated density is a major concern for this project, which is still unknown. He said the agreement states a minimum of twenty-five and a maximum of fifty-five units, but Council is able to approve more units. He asked what the price point will be for the units. Mr. Meyers replied the developer does not know exact cost, but estimate anywhere from \$220,000 to \$275,000. Mr. Murdock asked if the city will be provided the results of the due diligence environmental testing. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock asked for a proposed timeline, and stated the information provides construction will not commence for forty months. Mr. Meyers replied the city asked to include the stipulation that if nothing happens in twenty-four months it could purchase the property back from the developer. The city is allowing fifteen months to complete the PUD process but could be completed sooner, and the purchase will occur after that. Mr. Murdock stated the last section of the agreement includes some community benefits, although it does not include affordable housing units, and solar power if the buyer wants it. He asked why the city is requiring the developer to require recycling services since the city provides that services. Mayor Edmonds replied if the development is multi-family and not eligible for city services. Mr. DuChene stated the development would be all single family units. Mr. Murdock stated the agreement does not include a wage requirement. Mr. DuChene replied prevailing wage is included in the ordinance. Mr. Murdock stated he is happy to see the developer will hire locally, but there is not a

mechanism in place to ensure that is adhered to. Mr. Murdock asked if the internal roadways would be public or private. Mr. Meyers responded to his understanding they will be public. Mr. Murdock replied the city will maintain the streets. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Edmonds stated she doesn't believe the animal issue needs to be included in a purchase agreement, but it might behoove the developer to understand the issue. Mr. Meyers replied they are aware of the issue.

Council Member Vogt stated he supports the proposal, and the biggest issue is the vast number of residents have been demanding the city develop city property. By doing so would raise the tax base and in turn lower taxes and secure the city's finances. This property needs to be developed on a rational basis, and he agrees the developer has listened to the city regarding certain concerns. He stated he lives in a development that has over a hundred units with one access point to major road, and this proposed development has four entry points; Grove, Park, High, and Locust. The increase in traffic will not have a great effect on the current residents. He believes the concern for the traffic is understandable, and has great respect for those who raised the concern, but does not feel the effect will be that great.

Council Member Richardson stated she generally likes the proposal, but will be voting no based on the proposed density without any affordable housing units.

Mayor Edmonds stated she will support the agreement to begin the process. She is open to fewer units and would support that if it were to come back to Council.

Council Member Murdock stated the agreement includes a Brownfield commitment. Mr. DuChene stated he does not recall that aspect of the agreement, but if included it would need to be approved by Council. Mr. Meyers stated the developer will not be seeking tax increment financing from the city, but might request Brownfield tax credits from the county if needed for a Phase I plan. Mr. Murdock asked if the city would be committed to provide any tax revenue. Mr. DuChene responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Bashert stated she understands and empathizes with the residents regarding a potential change to the neighborhood. She will support the approval of the agreement to allow it to proceed to the next steps, which will allow for more community input.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-220 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	No	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	No	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 3 (Murdock, Robb, Richardson) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

~~2. Discussion regarding public recycling bins. (Moved)~~

3. Resolution No. 2018-224, approving the Intergovernmental Agreement for Recycling Drop-Off Services between the City and Township of Ypsilanti

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti current provides recycling drop off services at its facility located on Rice Street; and**

**WHEREAS, due to property conversion issues and noncompliance with state recreation grant regulations, the city is required to completely cease recycling drop off center operations at the Frog Island Park location by August 31, 2018; and**

**WHEREAS, the city will be ceasing recycling center drop off operations at the Frog Island Park facility on August 26, 2018; and**

**WHEREAS, the city desires to enter into a collaborative arrangement with the Charter Township of Ypsilanti to permit city residents to use the township's recycling center drop off facility;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the city council does hereby approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Recycling Drop-Off Services between the City and Township of Ypsilanti to permit city residents to use the township's recycling drop off center, with the city to pay 50% of the cost of facility attendant labor and 100% of the cost of placement and servicing of a city roll off container for single-stream recycling services at an estimated total annual cost of \$25,000; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city council does hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the city after approval by the City Attorney as to form.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock  
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Mayor Edmonds provided a synopsis to why this resolution has been submitted for approval.

Council Member Bashert asked for clarification regarding communication from Ypsilanti Township discussing the agreement. Mayor Edmonds responded the Department of Public Services was providing the public passes prior to the agreement being finalized. Ms. Bashert asked if the question has been resolved. Ms. Edmonds responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Murdock stated the resolution states the city's facility closes on August 26<sup>th</sup> and people were being told it will close on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The contract does not go into effect until everyone has signed and filed with the Secretary of State. He asked if people will be able to use the Township facility over the weekend. Mr. DuChene responded statute requires it be filed with the Secretary of State and he will mail it once it is finalized. Mr. Murdock appreciated the efforts of the Township, but he does not feel it is the best option for the city. He said the contract costs more than operating the city's drop-off center. He said there are very few people that will utilize this site, and the city's recycling program needs to be reviewed. Council Member Bashert asked when the recycling work session was held she asked how much the recycling center is used and was told two tons per week. Now she is being told it is not being used at that rate. Mr. Murdock responded the two ton number provided is data from over a year ago, which was at the time the facility stopped taking Township residents. At that time the amount of users dropped to around 150 people weekly.

Council Member Richardson asked the duration of the contract. Mr. DuChene responded the contract can be terminated by either party with notice. Mayor Edmonds stated this is not a permanent solution, it only allows the city to use the facility until other solutions are developed.

Council Member Robb stated it is foolish to pay a premium to cooperate with another jurisdiction. He said this agreement is not good business. It makes more sense to reimburse residents who use Ann Arbor's drop-off site than to accept this contract. Council Member Richardson asked if the fee to use Ann Arbor's site is \$3. Mr. DuChene responded \$3 to enter the site, but there are costs on top of that. Council Member Murdock replied not for standard recycling.

Council Member Bashert stated the city reached out to many neighboring jurisdictions, and there were several possibilities to continue services in the city. The Clark Road facility is convenient for local residents and is not intended to be a permanent solution until a regional solution is developed. She will support this agreement as a stop gap until a long term solution is developed.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-224 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	No	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	No	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 3 (Murdock, Robb, Richardson) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

4. Resolution No. 2018-195, accepting City Manager performance review. **(8/14/18)**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT, the performance review of City Manager Darwin D.P. McClary conducted on July 17, 2018 be accepted.**

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown  
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Mayor Edmonds stated the review was completed on July 17, 2018 and this resolution would accept that review.

Council Member Murdock asked where the review is. Mayor Edmonds responded an employee review would not be placed in the public packet. Council Member Richardson asked if Council held a formalized review. Ms. Edmonds responded in the affirmative.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-195 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	No	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	No	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 3 (Murdock, Robb, Richardson) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

5. Resolution No. 2018-203, approving 2% wage increase for City Manager Darwin McClary and City Clerk Frances McMullan effective this fiscal year (7/1/2018). **(8/14/18) (Removed)**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, the City Clerk and City Manager reports directly to the City Council and is supervised by the governing body; and**

**WHEREAS, the City Council has approved the fiscal year budget effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 that all employees receive a 2% increase to their base salaries.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager, Darwin McClary and Clerk, Frances McMullan receive each their 2% wage increase effective this fiscal year (7/1/2018).**

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown  
SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

Mayor Edmonds provided an overview to why this was submitted for approval.

Council Member Robb stated if the 2% pay increase was approved as a part of the budget the employees should have received the pay raise.

**Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Richardson to divide the question.**

Mayor Edmonds stated this is a cost of living increase not a performance based raise, and does not support dividing the question.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated there was not a discussion about giving performance based raised during the evaluation. Council Member Robb stated traditionally the evaluation committee recommends raises, which did not happen this year. He stated a performance review was just adopted by Council and he is not sure what was exactly adopted. Council Member Murdock agreed with Council Member Robb, if the increase was voted as a part of budget adoption there is not a need to approve this a second time.

**Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to extend the meeting until 11:00 p.m.**

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting was extended.

On a roll call, the vote to divide the question was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	No	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	No
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	No
Council Member Bashert	No		

VOTE:

YES: 2    NO: 5 (Robb, Edmonds, Bashert, Brown, Vogt)    ABSENT: 0    VOTE: Failed

**Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to remove Resolution No. 2018-203 from the agenda.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Brown withdrew the original motion.**

**Council Member Vogt withdrew his motion to second.**

- 4. Resolution No. 2018-197, approving Fireworks Display Permit Application from Andrew Espenshade of ACE Pyro, LLC on behalf of Eastern Michigan University to allow fireworks at Rynerson Stadium. **(8/14/18)**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, Andrew Espenshade of ACE Pyro, LLC, on behalf of the Eastern Michigan University Athletic Department has applied for a fireworks permit to allow a firework display at Eastern Michigan University Rynerson Stadium located at 799 North Hewitt Rd. on the following dates at approximately 7:00 pm: August 31, 2018, September 29, 2018, October 13, 2018, October 27, 2018, November 3, 2018 and November 10, 2018; and**

**WHEREAS, ACE Pyro, LLC will operate the display and has obtained public liability insurance in the amount of \$10,000,000 and has added the City of Ypsilanti as an additional insured.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves the Fireworks Display Permit to allow the requested display of fireworks on August 31, 2018, September 29, 2018, October 13, 2018, October 27, 2018, November 3, 2018 and November 10, 2018, subject to the inspection and approval of the Ypsilanti Fire Department.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb  
 SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

Fire Chief Max Anthouard provided an overview to why this resolution was submitted for approval.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-197 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Absent
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Edmonds) VOTE: Carried

5. Resolution No. 2018-219, approving non-resident appointment to the YDDA.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT, the following non-resident be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>EXPIRATION</u>
<b>Andrew French, non-resident 6138 Vineyard Ave. Ann Arbor, MI 48108</b>	<b>YDDA</b>	<b>9/1/2019</b>

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bashert  
 SECONDED BY: Council Member Murdock

Mayor Edmond stated membership to a DDA is governed by state statute, and it is not uncommon to have non-residents as members.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-219 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

~~6. Resolution No. 2018-220, approving purchase agreement for 220 N. Park St. (Moved)~~

7. Resolution No. 2018-221, waiving the 1% tax administrative fee.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That, pursuant to its discretion under Section 44 of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 (MCL 211.44(4)), the one-percent property tax administration fee for the collection of the Water Street Bond Payment Millage is waived for 2018 summer taxes.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt  
SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy provided an overview to why this resolution was submitted for approval.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-221 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

8. Resolution No. 2018-222, authorizing signature administrator.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the following persons are authorized to sign on all City bank accounts:**

**Marilou T. Uy, Finance Director/Treasurer**

**Darwin D. P. McClary, City Manager**

**And**

**Frances McMullan, City Clerk, in the event that either of the above are unavailable or no longer in the employ of the City;**

**Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign all bank account resolutions, subject to the approval of the City Attorney;**

**Further, that all checks, warrants, drafts, notes, or orders drawn against the City accounts shall be signed by two signors.**

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown  
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Council Member Murdock asked who is currently authorized to sign. Mr. Barr responded the former Treasurer, who be retired at the end of this month.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-222 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

9. Resolution No. 2018-223, approving the request to be a sponsor of the 2018 Ypsi Family Read event in the amount of \$1695.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti adopted a Special Events Policy, and pursuant to the policy, the City may co-sponsor an event if it is of general interest to the public and advances the City's public image; and**

**WHEREAS, this year Ypsilanti District Library's Family Read will take place October 13th in Frog Island Park; and**

**WHEREAS, Ypsilanti District Library is requesting that the City be a co-sponsor of the 2018 Family Read; and**

**WHEREAS, City Council agrees that becoming a co-sponsor of the 2018 Ypsi Family Read would be in the general interest of the public and advance the City's public image.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves the request to be a sponsor of the 2018 Ypsi Family Read in the amount of \$695 and waive the \$1,000.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson  
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Administrative Services Manager Wendy Estey provided an overview to why this has been submitted for approval.

Mayor Edmonds suggested adding a line to request a specific amount. Ms. Estey responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Richardson asked what the library would specifically do with the \$1,695. A library representative responded the request is for a decrease in fees to use the park. The representative explained what the purpose of the event.

Council Member Robb stated the park fee is \$695, is the additional \$1,000 a donation coming from the General Fund. Ms. Estey responded no, the request is for a waiver of fees. She explained the request is for a co-sponsor of a Class 3 event. Mr. Robb stated then the resolution should read Council waives the fees and security deposit.

**Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to amend the resolution to read "approves the request to be a sponsor of the 2018 Ypsi Family Read in the amount of \$695 and waive the \$1,000".**

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2018-223 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-223 as amended was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

10. Discussion regarding request for funds for Police Advisory Commission.

Police Advisory Commission Chair Andy Fanta provided an overview of the request, and what the Commission has done to date. He explained he met with the Police Chief this morning who had available funds in the Police budget for the contribution. He informed Council that the commission approved an attendance policy, which is after three unexcused absences the Commission would request Council remove that member. He explained one member has met this threshold and requested Michael Stone-Richard by removed from the Commission.

Mayor Edmonds stated she would follow up with Michael Stone-Richard. She explained how to keep the Commission within the scope of what was approved by Council. Mr. Fanta responded in the affirmative, and asked for more appointments to be made in order for full membership. Council Member Murdock replied the sixth member was appointed during this meeting.

11. Discussion regarding public recycling bins.

Mayor Edmonds informed Council this discussion is to decide whether or not to have the proposed Sustainability Commission resolution on the next meeting's agenda.

Council Member Bashert provided an overview of the determination of the Sustainability Commission that prompted this discussion item.

Mayor Edmonds strongly supports including this resolution on the next meeting's agenda.

~~12. Resolution No. 2018-224, approving the Intergovernmental Agreement for Recycling Drop-Off Services between the City and Township of Ypsilanti (Moved)~~

**XI. LIAISON REPORTS –**

- A. SEMCOG Update - None
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
- C. Urban County - None
- D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Edmonds stated the DDA was awarded grant funds by the MEDC for its façade grant program. Council Member Richardson congratulated the DDA on receiving the grant. She stated if building that holds Dalat is awarded a grant to ensure that a proper inspection is completed because the building is in a poor condition. Mr. Meyers replied with this funding it can be ensured the work is done correctly. Council Member Murdock asked for greater detail of the grant. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative.
- E. Ypsilanti Youth Safety Collaborative – Mayor Edmonds stated during the last meeting there was discussion regarding further coordination of services provided by organizations. Council Member Murdock asked when the group meets. Ms. Edmonds replied once a month on Thursdays.
- F. Friends of Rutherford Pool – Council Member Bashert stated the Friends of Rutherford Pool should be commended for a successful kid's triathlon. The closure of the recycling center is helpful to the Friends groups pending DNR Grant application. Council Member Richardson asked when the pool will close for the season. Ms. Bashert believes the pool closes on Labor Day Weekend.
- G. Housing Equity Leadership Team – Mayor Edmonds stated she had a recent meeting with the county regarding their roll in economic development in the eastern part of the county.

**XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –**

Robb

- He asked that Council be provided an explanation of the SAFER Grant numbers. He asked for how this will affect the city's budget and when will the city begin to hire firefighters.

Brown

- Requested information on placing a senior crossing by the Town Center. Mayor Edmonds responded she has tried to have one installed prior to becoming Mayor. She found that it is an MDOT road and it is not as simple as the city installing signs.

Bashert

- Commended the Department of Public Services for removing the weeds at Recreation Park.
- Is disappointed the roof of the pavilion has not been installed at Recreation Park and it is the end of summer.
- Peninsular Park is in very poor condition.
- She asked for an update about the numerous sinkholes located in the Normal Park neighborhood.
- She asked for an update regarding the bench repairs and additional picnic tables for the city's park system.

Murdock

- Asked for information about the hiring process for the current Fire Chief's replacement upon his retirement. Mayor Edmonds stated there has already been a posting for that position, for both internal and external. Council Member Richardson stated the Fire Chief has always been promoted internally. Council Member Robb interjected Council was forwarded the memo indicating the position would be posted internally until August 20th, and now it has been posted externally.

- Asked what the status is of the Border to Border Trail. Mr. Meyers replied the stones required by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have been installed last week. Staff is now waiting for DEQ to review the city’s documentation and hopes to hear by Mid-September. Mayor Edmonds asked that the city’s lobbyist work toward expediting the opening of the trail. Mr. Meyers explained the DEQ has given the city an expedited timeline, and could not start their work until the stones were installed.
- Asked if the recycling center’s last day of operation is this Friday. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative. He asked what the schedule is for removing the building from the site. Mr. Meyers responded the schedule for demolition will be developed once the environmental testing is completed.
- He asked for the status of the Penn Dam report. Council Member Bashert responded the Huron River Watershed Council informed her the testing has been completed but the report has not been drafted.
- He asked if there is a status of the Urban Forestry Tree Grant. Mr. Meyers responded nothing at this time.
- He asked who will be taking the place of the Treasurer on the Police and Fire Pension Board upon her retirement. City Clerk Frances McMullan responded she believes Accounting Supervisor Rheagan Basabica will be taking her place. During the last Pension Board meeting he learned the pension is under 60% funded and a plan will need to be developed to bring it to or above that threshold.
- He asked for a list of appointments to Boards and Commissions, and a list of vacancies.
- He asked if speed bumps on Armstrong is being pursued, and if it is being discussed by the Traffic Review Committee. Council Member Bashert responded it is her recollection the neighbors on that street were to submitted petitions to the city.
- He is in the process of drafting an ordinance requiring Affordable Housing units to inform the city when they are going to get out of their contracts. Mayor Edmonds stated she was brought that up to the Housing Equity Team, but there has not been movement on it.

**XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –**

Nomination:

**AAATA Board**

Jesse Miller (replacing Gillian Ream Gainsley)  
 93 Oakwood  
 Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
 Expiration: May 1, 2023

**Sustainability Commission**

Katherine Greenwald (EMU Seat – Non-Resident)  
 1150 W Clark Rd  
 Ypsilanti, MI 48198  
 Expiration: May 1, 2022

**XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –**

**XV. COMMUNICATIONS –**

- 2017 Annual Report – Reimagine Washtenaw

- Resolution 2018-08-002 – Adoption of Public Recycling Bins Adjacent to All Public Trash Cans (Sustainability Commission)
- August 13, 2018 Sustainability Commission meeting minutes
- Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission Update Overview

**XX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –**

1. Sam Jones-Darling, 210 Brown Hall, stated there is a railing at the corner of Washtenaw and Summit is in disrepair. This is a bus stop and there is two months until it begins to snow and ice will begin to gather there making it dangerous. This has been a problem and brought to Council several times. The AAATA has informed him the railing is not a part of their jurisdiction. He noted Council could save a lot of time if it did not read the entirety of the resolutions. He also encouraged Council to read their packets prior to the meeting. He asked that the Ordinance creating the Police Advisory Commission be amended to include a member of the Human Relations Commission as a liaison. The HRC mission overlaps with the mission of the PAC, and the racial diversity on the Police Advisory Commission is atrocious.
2. Sue Melke, 330 Chidester, stated as a member of the PAC she agrees it lacks diversity. If she needs to step down she would in order for the Commission to become more diverse.
3. Desiree Simmons, 407 Charles St., asked if people can still drop-off materials at the recycling center.

**XXI. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –**

- When she first made appointments to the PAC she thought it was a diverse group, and it is her intent to ensure a diverse commission. She asked for further help for recruitment.

**XXII. ADJOURNMENT –**

Resolution No. 2018-225, adjourning the City Council meeting

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That the City Council Meeting be adjourned, on call, by the Mayor or two (2) members of Council.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bashert

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.